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Governor Announces Appointments to Commissions and Boards

Topeka – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback announced today recent appointments to boards and commissions.

“These Kansans have set aside their own time to help other Kansans and continue to make Kansas a great place to live,” said Governor Brownback. “I appreciate the dedication of all Kansans willing to serve.”

The governor’s office is always looking for qualified, interested Kansans to serve the state on commissions and boards in their areas of expertise. If you are interested in serving on a commission or board, please visit <http://governor.ks.gov/serving-kansans/office-of-appointments>.

State Board of Mortuary Arts

The mission of the Kansas State Board of Mortuary Arts is to ensure that licensees perform their professional services in a manner providing maximum protection of the health, safety and welfare for the people of Kansas. It also informs the public of the laws and options available to them when dealing with the funeral profession.

- Barry Bedene, Arma, is being appointed to serve a three-year term. Mr. Bedene is the owner and President of the Bedene Funeral Home in Arma, Kansas.

Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing provides advocacy, information and referral, sign language interpreter registration, coordination of interpreting services, and the Kansas Quality Assurance Screening for certification of sign language interpreters. The Board consists of 17 members, 12 of which are appointed by the Governor to serve 3 year terms.

- James Chance, Topeka, is being appointed to serve a three-year term. Mr. Chance attended Kansas State University. He is a retired insurance and mutual fund dealer.

Kansas State Board of Nursing

The Kansas State Board of Nursing establishes and implements the standards for the practice of nursing and mental health technology; oversees the licensing of nurses and mental health technicians and approves related education programs. The 11 member board is appointed by the governor. Six members must be registered professional nurses; two must be licensed practical nurses, and three, members of the general public.

- Judith Hiner, Coffeyville, is being appointed to a four-year term. Ms. Hiner received her diploma in nursing from the Stormont-Vail School of Nursing and went on to earn a bachelor

degree in Nursing from Pittsburg State University. She currently works as a Nurse Consultant at Windsor Assisted Living Facility in Coffeyville.

- Carol Bragdon, Topeka, is being appointed to a four-year term. Ms. Bragdon earned her nursing diploma from Lincoln General Hospital School of Nursing and went on to earn degrees from Fort Hays State University, Wichita State University, and Kansas State University. She currently works as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner at Cotton-O'Neil Heart Center in Topeka.

Kansas Guardianship Program Board of Directors

The Kansas Guardianship Program was formed to create a partnership between the state of Kansas and its citizen volunteers to assist certain adults who are legally determined to be unable to manage for themselves.

- Larry Hapgood, Topeka, is being appointed to a four-year term. Mr. Hapgood received a degree from Kansas State University and a law degree from Washburn University School of Law. He currently works as an attorney in private practice.

Kansas Advisory Committee on Trauma

The Kansas Advisory Committee on Trauma advises the Secretary of Health and Environment on the development and implementation of a statewide trauma system. The ACT is composed of 24 members including representation from physician organizations, the Hospital Association, the State Nurse Association, and EMS organizations. Members of the committee have significant expertise and commitment to EMS and Trauma Care, and represent both urban and rural interests.

- John Hultgren, Junction City, is being appointed to a four-year term. Mr. Hultgren is a Kansas Certified Paramedic and Paramedic Instructor. He currently works as paramedic for Dickinson County Health/EMS.

Governor's Commission on Autism

The Governor's Commission on Autism advises and makes recommendations to the Governor regarding Autism, families with a child with an autism spectrum disorder, and service providers. The Commission consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor.

- John Ketron, Ashland, is being appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Mr. Ketron is currently the Sheriff of Clark County, Kansas. He has been a long-time community volunteer.

Kansas Propane Education and Research Council

Kansas Propane Education & Research Council (KanPERC) is designed to enhance propane safety, education, and training for propane consumers and employees; to improve existing propane technology; to increase the efficiency of propane; and to develop other programs to educate the public about the safety, environmental aspects, and uses of propane.

- Larry Cazier, Berryton, is being appointed to a three-year term. Mr. Cazier is the owner and operator of Right Way Moving in Topeka, Kansas.

Kansas Real Estate Appraisal Board

The Kansas Real Estate Appraisal Board regulates real estate appraiser's licenses, provides access to appraisers' education resources and informs appraisers of industry news.

- James Stallbaumer, Rossville, is being appointed to a three-year term. Mr. Stallbaumer earned a bachelor degree from Kansas State University. He is currently the President of Stockgrowers State Bank in Maple Hill, Kansas.

Physical Therapy Advisory Council

The physical therapy advisory council shall consider the application from each person who has not been engaged in an educational program recognized by the board and has not engaged in the practice of physical therapy during the five years preceding the date of the application.

- Brent Martin, Belleville, is being appointed to a four-year term. Mr. Martin received a bachelor degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a doctorate from Creighton University. He currently works as the Director of Rehab Services for the Republic County Hospital.

Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services

The Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services exists, primarily, to ensure that quality out-of-hospital care is available throughout Kansas. This care is based on the optimal utilization of community resources that are consistent with the patient's needs. The Emergency Medical Services Board is composed of 13 members. Nine members are appointed by the governor and the other four are appointed by legislative leadership.

- Dr. Denise Miller, Stilwell, is being appointed to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Deborah Smith. Ms. Miller earned her bachelor and doctorate degrees from the University of Nebraska. She currently works as the Regional Director for Emcare.

Kansas State Rehabilitation Council

The Kansas Rehabilitation Council works in partnership with Kansans with disabilities to achieve their goals for employment and independence.

- James Deister, Salina, is being appointed to a three-year term. Mr. Deister earned a bachelor degree from Emporia State University and a master's degree from Emporia State University. He currently works as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor at Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

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